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HUDGENS: FATAL NEWTON COUNTY FIRE RULE ACCIDENTAL

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens has ruled a house fire in Newtown County that claimed the life of an elderly woman accidental.

Willie Peal Foster, 88, died in the blaze; she was home alone at the time of the fire.

Investigators believe that the fire originated in the family room area of the home and was caused by a malfunction of an extension cord, Hudgens said.

The residence, at 936 Cook Road, in Oxford, Ga., was heavily damaged by the blaze. The fire was reported around 10:43 a.m.

In 2014, there has been 95 fire fatalities reported in Georgia.